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THE STATESMAN JULY 25 CARRIES WASHINGTON-DATELINE STORY BY

WARREN UNNA ON SECRETARY'S PLANS TO VISIT IRAN, AFGHANISTAN,
KABUL IN EARLY AUGUST. DELHI EDITION OMITTS PARA LABELED
(D) BELOW BUT CALCUTTA VERSION CARRIED FULL REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE (A) WASHINGTON, JULY 24. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS EX-
PECTED TO ANNOUNCE SHORTLY THAT DR. KISSINGER WILL LEAVE HERE
IN EARLY AUGUST FOR VISITS TO IRAN, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN.

(B) THE FOCUS OF THE TRIP WILL BE IRAN. THE USA NOW IS A
MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIER TO THIS COUNTRY WHICH IN TURN IS NOT ONLY A
MAJOR SUPPLIER OF OIL BUT THE SHAH, PERSONALLY, HAS HAD A
LEADING ROLE IN THE WORLDWIDE INCREASE OF PETROLEUM PRICES.

(C) DR. KISSINGER'S BUSINESS IN PAKISTAN INVOLVES U.S.
CONCERN OVER FRANCE'S DECISION TO SELL PAKISTAN A NUCLEAR
REPROCESSING FACILITY WHICH WILL GIVE THE RECIPIENT THE
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CAPACITY TO MAKE WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM. AMERICAN OB-

JECTIONS WERE IGNORED BY FRANCE AND NOW PAKISTAN, REPORTEDLY,
HAS SOUGHT THE KISSINGER VISIT IN ORDER TO STATE ITS CASE
FIRST-HAND.

(D) STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SEEM UNCLEAR ON WHY
AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARY'S BRIEF SWING
INTO SOUTHWEST ASIA EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT IT IS AN AREA
HE IS RELATIVELY UNFAMILIAR WITH. AT ONE POINT DR. KISSINGER
ALSO CONSIDERED INCLUDING INDIA IN HIS TOUR, BUT NOW THAT
HAS BEEN RULED OUT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED
CONCERN LEST INDIA LOOK UPON DR. KISSINGER'S PASSING UP A
VISIT TO DELHI AS AN INTENDED SLIGHT. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED,
HOWEVER, THAT SINCE THE USA IN THE PAST HAS ALWAYS
EQUATED PAKISTAN WITH INDIA WHEN IT CAME TO VISITS BY HIGH
U.S. OFFICIALS, THE PRECEDENT FOR EXPECTING DUAL VISITS HAD
BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE USA ITSELF. END QUOTE.SAXBE

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